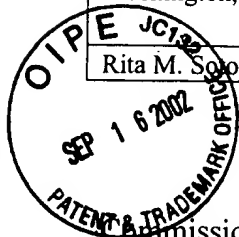


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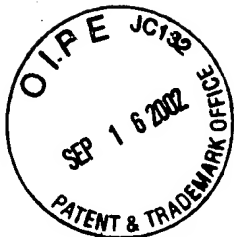
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This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated June 10, 2002 pertaining to the above referenced patent application. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments to the case and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-43:

Please add claims 44-72.

44. (New) A cartridge type soldering iron assembly, comprising:
- a sleeve having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end adapted to couple to a connector and the distal end adapted to couple to a tip; and
 - a handle having an opening adapted to receive the sleeve and associate with the sleeve at a predetermined position between the proximal and distal ends of the sleeve along a longitudinal axis of the sleeve.